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**POLYMER-BASED COMPOSITES COMPRISING CARBON NANOTUBES AS A
FILLER, METHOD FOR PRODUCING SAID COMPOSITES, AND ASSOCIATED
USES**

Field of the Invention

[0001] The present invention relates to the field of materials and more particularly to the field of the composite materials defined below as microcomposites and nanocomposites.

[0002] The present invention relates especially to a process for obtaining a composite material comprising a matrix of at least one polymer in which are dispersed carbon nanotubes serving as filler. The present invention also relates to said composites thus obtained and to uses thereof in the field of nanotechnology.

Prior art

[0003] Polymer materials were developed at the start of the 20th-century and they currently occupy an increasingly important place in our daily life.

[0004] For that very reason, industrial pressure is currently such that it demands increasing specialization of applications, and it is thus necessary to propose more and more efficient materials to satisfy this need.

[0005] In the case of polymer materials, this demand implies the provision of solutions to overcome the inherent weaknesses of these materials, which are especially their relative lack of mechanical strength and their flammable nature.

[0006] It has thus been proposed to combine these polymer materials with other components known as "fillers" in order

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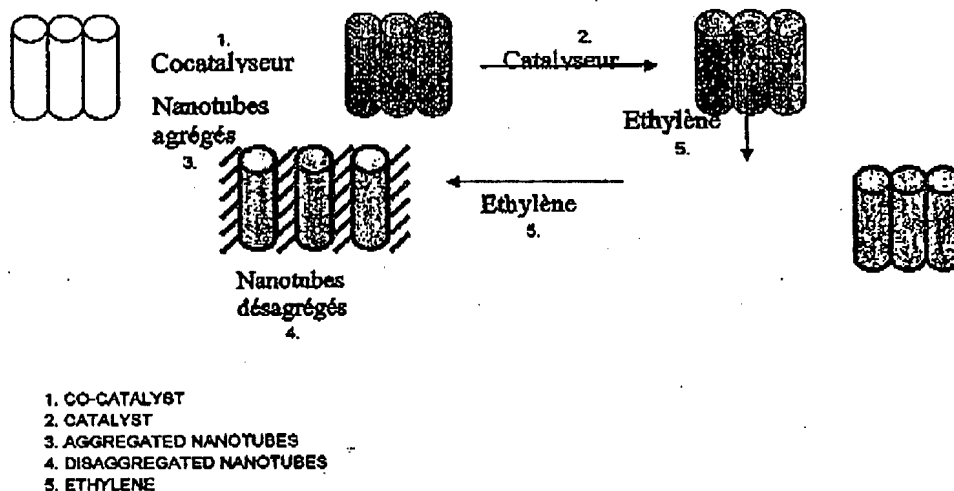
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PROCEDE D'OBTENTION ET UTILISATIONS ASSOCIES

(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a method for producing carbon nanotubes in a dispersed state, said method being characterised in that it comprises a stage whereby polymerisation is carried out from at least one so-called monomer of interest, in the presence of a catalytic system, said catalytic system comprising a co-catalyst/catalyst catalytic couple that is supported by a catalyst carrier, said catalyst carrier corresponding to said carbon nanotubes. The invention also relates to composite materials obtained by said method, and to a catalytic system for implementing said method. The invention further relates to the use of the inventive method and products in the field of polymers, especially that of nanotechnologies.

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